

Sensible vetoes

Two government executives recently exercised their veto power over separate proposals that should be of interest to UNL students.

Nebraska Gov. J. James Exon vetoed Tuesday LB179, which authorized acquisition of the defunct Hiram Scott College in Scottsbluff by the NU system. The measure was approved last week by the Unicameral. Last week, ASUN President Ann Henry vetoed an ASUN Senate resolution and an accompanying government bill which granted \$1000 to the UNL Student Bar Association to aid in the establishment of a minority student recruitment program for the Law College. Both Exon and Henry noted in public statements that their respective governing assemblies had acted too hastily in approving the vetoed proposals.

In his veto message, Gov. Exon cited other flaws in Scottsbluff Sen. Terry Carpenter's plan to make the Hiram Scott complex the

fourth NU campus. The governor said it has not been demonstrated that the Hiram Scott acquisition would fit into any plan for Nebraska's future educational needs. Even Carpenter acknowledged during floor debate on LB179 that his primary reason for introducing the bill was not the state's educational needs. Carpenter said he made the proposal because it was the one thing that everyone in his legislative district wanted from the Unicameral this year. It is possible to conclude that Carpenter's constituents' immediate concern also is not the educational needs of Nebraska. The community of Scottsbluff and the surrounding area stand to gain a great deal economically if the abandoned Hiram Scott campus is reactivated. Exon acted correctly when he refused to allow Carpenter and his constituents to confuse education and economics.

Throughout its legislative consideration, LB179 was billed by its supporters as merely a measure which would allow the state to accept a free "gift." However, that gift would have been an expensive one in spite of the

Scottsbluff bondholders' offer.

When she vetoed the proposed grant to the Student Bar Association, ASUN President Henry said that she was alarmed by the seeming hastiness of the student senator's approval of Sen. Brian Waid's minority recruitment measure.

Last night, ASUN upheld Henry's veto when a motion to override it failed to get the required two-thirds majority vote. As Henry observed, it is extremely probable that the \$1000 appropriation could be better spent in some other manner. Perhaps the money could be donated to the faltering PACE program and earmarked for minority scholarships. Or maybe ASUN should concern itself first with the low proportion of minority students in UNL's undergraduate population.

At a time when the executive power is often misused in the federal and other levels of government, it is encouraging to see instances in which the veto power is exercised sensibly. The recent actions of both Henry and Exon were such instances.

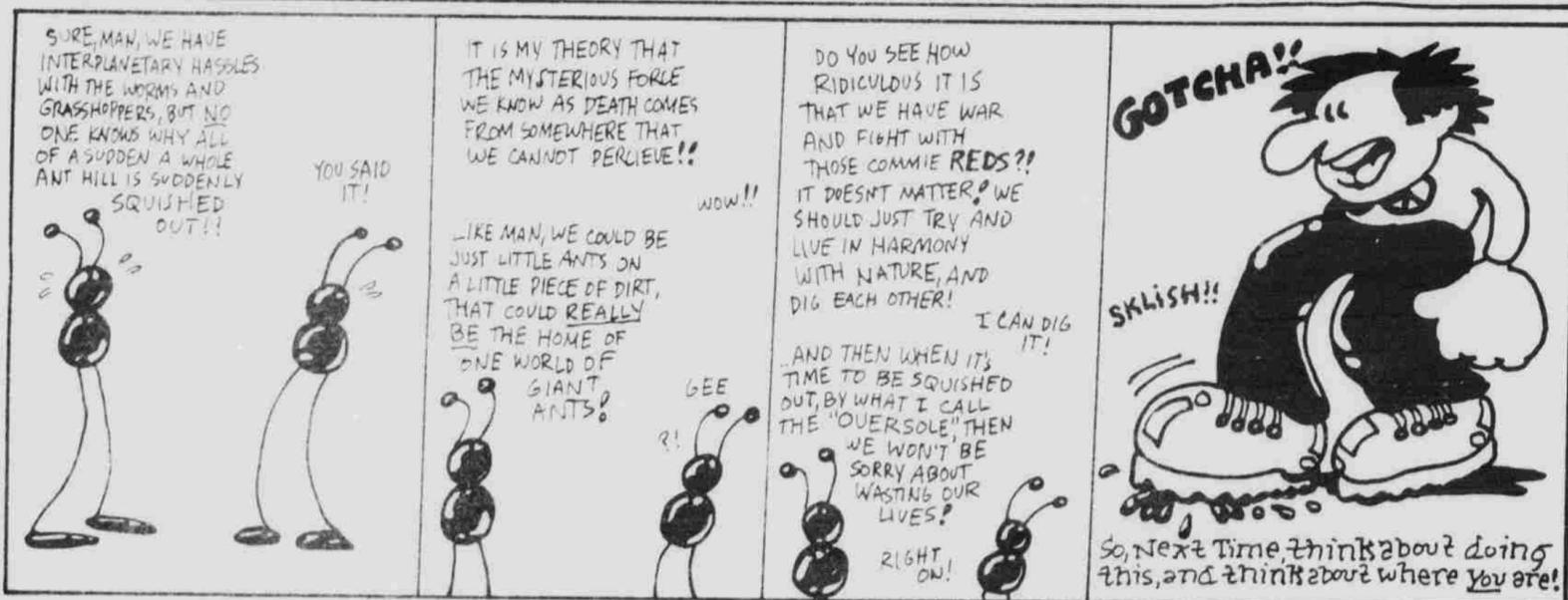
Tom Lansworth

MORE HEAVY STUFF... IN

CHANGING CONSCIOUSNESS

THIS WEEK
The Theory
of
Relativity!

What? You ask? Is it not true that all us Supreme Human Earthoids never think about those little guys who live on our yards and sidewalks? If humanoids even put themselves above other humanoids, then what worth has a lousy cricket or worm? In our estimation, plenty! Let the Zygote bros. take YOU down to EARTH!!



to the editor

Letters appear in the Daily Nebraskan at the editor's discretion. A letter's appearance is based on its timeliness, originality, coherence and interest. All letters must be accompanied by the writer's true name, but may be submitted for publication under a pen name or initials. Use of such letters will be determined by the editor. Brevity is encouraged. All letters are subject to condensation and editing.

Apathy damages image

Dear editor: While I am oblivious to much of the recent talk of apathy, I do feel that now apathy has affected thousands of people. The rock group Faces was to have appeared last Saturday. Because of lack of ticket sales, they did not. Faces is a big group and it is too bad that many concert goers decided not to see this excellent band. It is my hope that you apathetic people will not further damage the concert image of Lincoln and those people who really care about concerts.

Mark Gregory

Teacher evaluations

Dear editor: Once again the students at this University have had to register for classes and unknown teachers. Once again we have guessed at the quality of teachers we will receive.

Rather than go through this guessing game again, I would suggest that a program similar to UNO's be

adopted. Each teacher would be evaluated by students completing his or her class. These evaluations could be made available in the form of a booklet to any student who might want one.

As a student at UNO for two years, I can attest to the value of such a system for choosing high caliber teachers.

Jack Cassidy

Rehabilitation?

Editor's note: Such a teacher evaluation booklet was published at UNL three years ago. It was subsequently discontinued, largely because of high printing costs when considered in light of the limited student use of the booklet.

Dear editor:

Work release programs, as I understand them, are for the rehabilitation of the person for his criminal actions. Programs of this type are undoubtedly beneficial for both the person involved and the public in general.

But when these programs are used for making up uncompleted course work and physical conditioning for entry into professional football, I feel the program is terribly abused. In fact, every brush of the law Johnny Rodgers has come in contact with seems to have been abused.

Floyd D. Gaibler

Apartment correction

Dear editor:

I'm writing in regard to Nancy Stohs' article on student-landlord problems (Friday magazine, April 20). Since Stohs placed a great deal of emphasis on my particular case, I think it is important that the statement of fact be correct:

-we only lived in our "slum" for five months.
-Stohs stated that we recovered our \$125 deposit

but that lawyer's fees were \$150. This was not correct. We recovered approximately \$170 in deposit, court allowed lawyer's fees, interest and costs. Of this recovery, we paid miscellaneous costs leaving a balance of approximately \$148. Of this \$148, our lawyer's fee was one-third leaving us a recovery of about \$99 on our \$125 deposit.

-Technically, we did win. However, the victory was obtained through a default judgement.

These corrections do not detract from Stohs' conclusion that lawyers are expensive and undoubtedly their fees do discourage students from bringing suits. If one of my roommates had not previously known our lawyer, chances are we would not have gone to court.

I would go further to suggest that any student suspicious of his/her landlord should take care to keep leases, receipts and cancelled checks as evidence.

In caution, let me suggest that small claims court does not necessarily solve a student's problem. Even after winning in small claims, the student must obtain execution of the judgement if the landlord fails to pay. Without knowledge of the procedures involved, such execution is sometimes difficult to obtain.

Brian J. Waid

Forces of oppression

Dear editor:

The forces of oppression have moved in completely. Not only has President Nixon destroyed the Office of Economic Opportunity and Gov. Exon wrecked the University budget, but ASUN President Ann Henry struck down minority recruiting.

She grasped at straws in finding reasons to kill a program that would have added substance to this country's claim of being a land of opportunity.

She contradicted the basic tenet of her party—Get Off Your Apathy.

Marlin Pals